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Hingham Zoning Board

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Re: River Stone LLC project – Viking Lane Proposed 32 Condominium units

Dear Board,

I have reviewed updated plans dated March 9th and the various comments and reviews presented regarding the River Stone LLC Project. I am in agreement with the Supplemental Traffic Engineering Peer Review submitted April 3, 2018 by Vanasse & Associates, Inc...

I will once again list areas of concern that need to be answered and addressed.

- The Road way design of 24 feet is need to ensure safety in this development.
- There is no updated traffic analysis for the new design
- The intersection High Street/Ward Street and French Street are affected by this development and it requires a Road safety Audit and the needed funding to make changes to improve safety.
- Plans to improve safety of the Autumn Circle area have not been addressed
- The Intersection of Viking lane and Roads B & C does not line up as is standard in most intersection designs. There is an assumption that the speed limit will be 20mph in this development as reference in the comments. There is no legal ability to enforce that speed limit.
- Vertical Granite curb should be used to help protect pedestrians on sidewalks.
- The grade of the Road C is a steep and present an issue with vehicle safety at the intersection of Ward Street. Water runoff will occur and icing on roadway is a great concern.
- No provisions for a school bus waiting area.
- The density of 32 units in close proximity and to adjacent property lines and roadway setbacks will result in a higher volume of service calls to the police department.
- 19 foot retaining wall presents a safety issue and hazard for children and others

The overall density of this project continues to a problem and continued design changes and lack of details in the plans make it difficult for adequate and complete response. I reserves my right to update concerns as the s project moves forward. There is no doubt in my mind that this project as planned, presents an additional burden to the Police Department. Density of the housing units will impact the Police Department's call for service and additional traffic flow to and from area will stress intersections already operating at capacity. Infrastructure improvements to surrounding roads will be needed as part of the mitigation package by the developer to provide safe access to this proposed development.

Respectfully,

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